



Daycare Sick Child Policy

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines regarding children enrolled in the daycare center who show signs of illness, or who may be absent with a contagious disease.

Exclusion Signs and Symptoms	Readmission Criteria
Fever - Temp at or above 100.4 degrees F. - Temp at or above 100.4 degrees F. with one other positive symptom or if less than six months of age	Fever has been absent for 24 hours without medication
Ringworm Flat, spreading ring shaped lesion	24 hours after physician's care and ringworm treatment begins (need note from Dr. to return)
Strep Throat Sore or reddened throat accompanied by a fever; may cause headache, loss of appetite, swollen lymph nodes in neck and bad breath	24 hours after physician's visit and antibiotic treatment begins (need note from Dr. to return)
Conjunctivitis (pink eye) Red, watery eyes with thick, yellowish discharge; puffy appearance to eyes	Discharge has diminished to the point that the eyes are longer runny and under treatment for at least 24 hours (need note from Dr. to return)
Diarrhea and Vomiting 2 or more incidents within a 4 hour period	24 hours after last incident of diarrhea or vomiting
Persistent Cough (with one positive symptom)	24 hours after symptoms subside
Sore Throat (with one positive symptom)	Sore or reddened throat and/or symptom is no longer present

Chills or Profuse Sweating (not weather related)	Chills or profuse sweating has been absent for 24 hours or child is free of symptoms and able to participate in center activities
Rash Rash of unknown origin (not believed to be from medication) with one other positive symptom	Rash has been identified by a physician as not a contagious rash, or is under treatment and no longer contagious (need note from Dr. to return)
Impetigo Reddish sores, fluid-filled blisters and oozing	Under treatment for 24 hours and with no open or oozing sores (need note from Dr. to return)
Inability to participate Child complains of not feeling well or is unable to participate in daily activities with one other positive symptom	Child is able to participate in center activities and free of other symptoms
Head Lice Live lice on the scalp or nits attached to the hair shafts	24 hours after treatment and there are no lice or nits present
Other contagious diseases/illnesses Measles, mumps, chickenpox, scabies and impetigo	Child has completed the contagious stage of the illness (need note from Dr. to return)
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease	24 hours fever free, no open or draining blisters (need note from Dr. to return)
Fifth's Disease	24 hours fever free & child is able to participate in care
Positive symptoms include: Headache, sore throat, cough, rash, low grade fever, inability to participate, nasal discharge, fatigue and lack of appetite	

EXCLUSION: If any of the above symptoms are noted at drop off, parent/guardian will be instructed to take their child home. Some symptoms will require the child to see a health provider to gain clearance for return. These symptoms which require clearance are noted above. If a child becomes ill while at daycare, he/she will be isolated from the group and closely monitored until a parent or a person authorized for pick-up arrives (within an hour of being called).